## Re: Quick question

Katharine Lima to: Forrest.Sabrina

06/09/2011 09:02 AM

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To:

Very interesting information - will also pass along to BJ. Thanks very much.

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To: "Katharine Lima" <kncj@sbcglobal.net> Date: Thursday, June 9, 2011, 9:34 AM

No. EPA tried to list whole watershed in the mid-90s. The community was very much against it, formed the Animas River Stakeholders Group and our RA at the time stated that as long as the Stakeholder group made progress on water quality improvements on their own, EPA would use Superfund tools. They and many partners have done some great work since 1994, but now we have some remaining discharges that are pretty bad. It does not look like the sediment data support the aqueous data however. Anyway, since 2004-2005, water treatment in Gladstone stopped and many of the water quality gains are now declining. Last fall, our Division of Wildlife did their 5 year cycle of electroshocking. Where they had 4

spp. in 2005, they showed 1 species last fall. I believe macroinvertebrate work may be showing impacts too. I would like START to include such info in the revised ARR, but really need your expert input to build a strong listing case. Unfortunately, I am not confident in what I have been getting from the contractor.

Sincerely,

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From: Katharine Lima < kncj@sbcglobal.net > To: Sabrina Forrest/R8/USEPA/US@EPA

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## Hi Sabrina:

I just have a question for you. There's not an existing already listed NPL site nearby in the Animas River watershed, is there? BJ

thought that something about this was ringing a bell. We just have to make sure that the targets we are looking to use to score the

site(s) are not already the basis for scoring another site, primarily the Animas River fishery in this case. Thanks.

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